

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 2ND, 2023 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 2nd day of February 2023 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

Recognizing Alethea's Chocolates on National Hot Chocolate Day

WHEREAS, each year on January 31st, National Hot Chocolate Day warms the souls and lifts the spirits of Americans across the country by celebrating this timeless cold-weather brew; and

WHEREAS, few beverages are as deep-rooted in the culture of American children quite like hot chocolate smothered with whip cream and marshmallows; and

WHEREAS, as early as 500 BC the Mayans began making this unique chocolate drink by grinding cocoa seeds into a paste and mixing it with water, cornmeal, chili peppers; and

WHEREAS, making its way to Europe in the sixteenth century, hot chocolate was enjoyed by the wealthy who began mixing in spices as sweetening agents and eventually replacing the water with milk; and

WHEREAS, in 1775 future president Thomas Jefferson purchased his first batch of chocolate and claimed that "The superiority of chocolate, both for health and nourishment, will soon have preference over tea and coffee."; and

WHEREAS, nearly two hundred and fifty years later, Americans are still enjoying this sweet treat at Alethea's Chocolates in Clarence NY, which opened its doors in 1985 and has been serving up this delicious concoction with special variations of Orange Chocolate, Gourmet Hot Cocoa, and Raspberry Chocolate Steamers to chocolate lovers far and wide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to celebrate National Hot Chocolate Day and thank Alethea's Chocolates for its high-quality chocolate offerings.

CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE

Erie County Legislator, District 6